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## **13 sentenced for distributing methamphetamine**

The last three of 14 defendants in a large-scale methamphetamine distribution were sentenced last week in federal court. The ring was responsible for distributing more than 30 pounds of the highly addictive and dangerous drug between the Twin Cities and southern Minnesota from August 2005 to August 2007.

On June 6 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge Ann Montgomery sentenced Rhonda Marie Bombeck, 31, Hutchinson, to 70 months in prison and three years of supervised release; Jamie Marie Leech, 32, Le Sueur, to 30 months and three years of supervised release; and Fredy Armondo Gutierrez Martinez, 23, Fridley, to 135 months in prison and five years of supervised release.

Bombeck was sentenced on one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, Leech was sentenced on one count of distribution of methamphetamine, and Martinez was sentenced on one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute methamphetamine.

Bombeck, who pleaded guilty to the count on Dec. 14, 2007; Leech, who pleaded guilty on Oct. 11; and Martinez, who pleaded guilty on Dec. 14, were three of 14 defendants who were indicted in connection with this case. Eleven of those defendants have been recently sentenced by Judge Montgomery, who said, "Methamphetamine is not a victimless crime." They are:

\* Nicholas Anthony Cassens, 25, Shakopee: sentenced April 9 to 70 months in prison and five years of supervised release. Cassens pleaded guilty May 29, 2007, to one count of distribution of methamphetamine.

\* Anita Marie Goracke, 34, Benson: sentenced April 2 to 42 months in prison and three years of supervised release. She pleaded guilty Dec. 14 to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute methamphetamine.

\* Camey Marie Graham, 46, Redwood Falls: sentenced May 29 to 60 months in prison and four years of supervised release. She pleaded guilty Sept. 4, 2007, to one count of aiding and abetting by others the distribution of methamphetamine.

\* Andrew Allen Guth, 26, St. Cloud: sentenced May 23 to 84 months in prison and five

years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty May 29, 2007, to one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

\* Michael James Hennessey, 32, Breezy Point: sentenced June 4 to 42 months in prison and five years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty Oct. 12, 2007, to one count of conspiracy.

\* Emanuel Rafael Oliveras-Saettone, 23, St. Paul: sentenced April 11 to 26 months in prison and five years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty Nov. 16, 2007, to one count of aiding and abetting distribution of methamphetamine.

\* Juan Jose Rubio-Suarez, 30, Minneapolis: sentenced April 3 to 36 months in prison and three years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty Nov. 8, 2007, to one count of conspiracy.

\* Holly Lynn Stephenson, 44, Newfolden: sentenced April 16 to 26 months in prison and three years of supervised release. She pleaded guilty on Nov. 8, 2007, to one count of conspiracy.

\* Ryan Lewis Stephenson, 35, Newfolden: sentenced April 16 to 60 months in prison and three years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty on Nov. 8, 2007, to one count of conspiracy.

\* Cole Earl Thompson, 28, St. Louis Park: sentenced April 11 to 88 months in prison and five years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty June 1, 2007, to one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

In a related case, Allan Joseph Schaefer, 25 Jordan, was sentenced to 92 months in prison and three years of supervised release Nov. 20, 2007, by U.S. District Court Judge David Doty. Schaefer was sentenced on one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon for an incident that occurred on Feb. 5, 2007.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the South West Metro Drug Task Force, the Grand Forks Drug Task Force, the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force, the sheriff's offices of McLeod and Sibley counties, and the police departments of Bloomington and Hutchinson. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Anders Folk.